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"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices
in God my Saviour..."

Lk. 1:46



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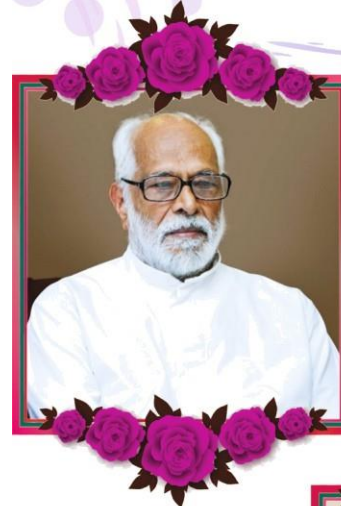


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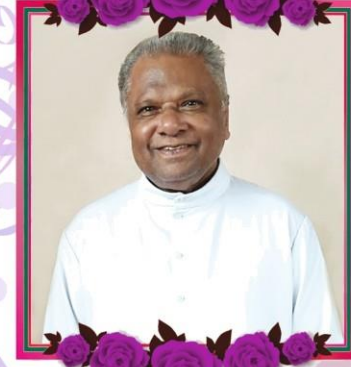
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I. SHEPHERD'S VOICE

SV. 3/2021

My Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and My dear people,

Thy Kingdom Come!

The menace of the Pandemic Covid – 19 is going to complete almost two years. We have faced its severity in the past few months. The quarantine or isolation experience was not that very welcoming, yet it gave us opportunity for self–reflection, prayer and observation. We shall continue it and learn from it for better future missionary endeavors. One of the prime task ahead is to gather the scattered. For various reasons with the Pandemic gap there can develop among us and in people a lethargy to spiritual life and social apostolate. We have to overcome it. The pandemic experience is only repetition of history. As the situation improves we have to get back to the track and proceed ahead with enthusiasm. The so called quarantine experience of Jesus whether secret life during adulthood or forty days of fast (Mk. 1: 12-13, Lk. 4: 1-13, Mt. 4. 1-11) – were experience of learning, self-reflection and divine communication. It supported and strengthened Jesus' public ministry. We shall follow the suit to foster fathers of Jesus, St. Joseph intercede for us. God bless you all.

With good wishes to everyone
Your shepherd in the Lord



†Ephrem Nariculam
Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

PASTORAL LETTER I

PL 7/ September 2021

VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Vocation to priesthood and religious life is a gratuitous gift of God. He calls whom he wants (Mk. 3:13). He calls them "to be with him and to send out" (Mk. 3:14). They are his ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20). They are called to be his spoke-persons (Ex. 4:16, Jer. 1:7, Is. 6:9, Lk. 12:12). They should stand for him and speak in his name. It is a discipleship. The cost of discipleship is very hard and radical. If anyone wants to follow me, give up everything and follow me (Lk. 14:24). "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk. 9:62). "For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it" (Lk. 9:24). "...unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn. 12:24). Thus, extremely and exceptionally radical is Christ's discipleship!

This year our diocese is specially blessed as we have two ordinations and both are born and brought up in the diocese - Dns. Francis Minj and Jose Zade. Indeed it is a great event for us. We thank God for the same. As per now we have 17 priests, 88 religious Sisters from our diocese besides two religious brothers and not less than 40 in different stages of formation. It is great numbers for an infant diocese like Chanda. Let us continue to pray: "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38).

Vocation Promotion is a task of every Christian. "The duty

of fostering vocation falls on the whole Christian community, and they should discharge it principally by living full Christian lives" (*Optatam Totius* 2, Vat. II, CCEO 329). The families are the nursery of vocation to priesthood and religious life. The harmony, the morality, the spirituality and the sacramentality of the families pave the way to sprout vocations to missionary commitment as priests and religious. The exemplary life of parents, siblings and other family members play an important role in hearing the 'whispering' of God to our sons and daughters. The importance of daily family prayer is beyond comparison in accepting God's call to priesthood and religious life. "Family that prays together, stays together" - where there is harmony there is peace, where there is peace there is love and where there is love, there is God present because God is love. The presence of God facilitates, easy and frequent communication with God, and that opens channels to our children to listen to God's voice better. We know, for a Christian the sacramental life adds beauty to his/her life in faith. Simultaneously it locates him/her in the community/society as an invisible grace of God made present in visible form and action. Thus genuine Christian life of our families become fertile land to accept vocations to priesthood and religious life.

As we all know the expression 'vocation' is not restricted to priesthood and religious life only. Call to family life and to life as single are also considered by the Church as vocations. Not that, one is more important and greater than the other. As St. Paul reminds us: "Each one remain in the vocation that one has received" (1 Cor. 7:20). In Mathew 5:48 the evangelist states: "Be holy as your heavenly father is holy". It is the 'vocation' to everyone - to be holy. Accepting God's call, each one should remain in one's own state and strive for holiness. A Christian, leading a family life or single, is as holy as a priest or religious. What is required is to be 'faithful to ones' call'. There is no sense in glorification of one's state of life or belittling another's. Every

state of life is great and there is a role for everyone to play in building up the Church. The Vatican Council II corroborated the prime importance of our families when the Council Fathers addressed it as 'domestic Church' (*Lumen Gentium* 11). Thus the Council Fathers exhorted all families to be like Church - Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and One. So I warn every parent in the diocese to be responsible to focus on family morality, harmony, spirituality and sacramentality.

Holy mother Church celebrates the first Sunday of May as the Vocation Sunday. It once again reminds every faithful and all missionaries to take necessary measures to foster vocation to priesthood and religious life. The parishes and institutions should do what is needful to communicate to the faithful the great need of missionary personnel in the Church. Arrange any programmes that are feasible to serve the purpose. Please add special prayers to Karozuza on Vocation Sunday to foster vocation to priesthood and religious life. Cultural presentations, wall magazines, ward prayer programmes etc. can also create greater awareness among our people about missionary vocation.

In 2018 we have converted Kalmana as Apostolic Boarding wherein our Catholic children from standard V are granted admission and is imparted orientation accordingly. Its purpose is to create a congenial atmosphere to discern vocation and grow in it. As I have already articulated the circumstances can build up or tear down one's vocation. So all Fathers, Brothers and Sisters are requested to send such boys and girls who show some sign of vocation to priesthood/religious life be sent to Kalmana boarding so as to help them to discern vocation better.

It has been custom in the diocese for many years to do a collection during the season of Annunciation (Advent) for Seminary Fund. More important than a collection is vocation promotion. May I request all priests-in-charge to avail this occasion every year to create an awareness among people with

regard to vocation to priesthood and religious life. So also it is recommended to find sponsors for our seminarians. Participation of the laity in the formation of Church personnel in different ways including sponsorship programmes is the mind of the Church. So kindly do whatever is feasible and needful.

I earnestly request every Christian in the diocese and missionary personnel in particular to take great interest in promotion of vocations to priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the Lord of the harvest may send more labourers to His vineyard.

With warm regards and Prayers
Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus



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Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*



*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

PASTORAL LETTER II

PL 8/ October 2021

A WHOLISTIC APPROACH TO THE MISSION

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

We are called missionaries because we are entrusted with a mission and we have to be identified by our mission. By our life and ministry 'we continue the mission of Christ' and 'we continue the mission of the Church'. They are one and the same. The evangelist Luke succinctly and categorically presents it in chapter 4:18-19: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour". In simple words, it is proclamation of the Good News for the salvation of the people. It is the establishment of the Kingdom values - Love, Truth, Justice and Peace - among people. This shall be understood and implemented holistically, from different perspectives.

The first and foremost duty of a missionary is accepting and taking forward the great command of Christ: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn. 13:34). Witnessing Christ in our daily life - becoming *alter Christus*. "No greater love than laying down one's life for the other (Jn. 15:13). Christ's love is - love of laying down one's life for the other, washing the feet of others (Jn. 13:5), walking an extra mile with others (Mt. 5:41), handing over tunic to one who asks for ... (Mt. 5:40), showing left cheek, when slapped on the right (Mt. 5:39) etc. Jesus taught us in nutshell that his disciples will be known by their love (Jn. 13:35). And that matters great in Christian witnessing.

The witness in life should lead a genuine Christian to mission of proclamation. Jesus greatly desired that his disciples/missionaries become evangelizers when he said: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20). Evangelization/proclamation of good news is the primary task of every missionary. He or she is called, appointed, and sent to accomplish this primary task (cf. Mk. 3:13-15). The papal encyclical *Evangelii Nunciandi* of Pope Paul VI categorically states: "We wish to confirm once more that the task of evangelizing all people constitutes the essential mission of the Church. It is a task and mission which the vast and profound changes of present-day society make all the more urgent. Evangelizing is infact the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists in order to evangelize, that is to say, in order to preach and teach, to be the channel of the gift of grace, to reconcile sinners with God, and to perpetuate Christ's sacrifice in the Mass, which is the memorial of His death and glorious resurrection" (# 14). Identity of a missionary is intertwined with his/her task of proclamation by word and deed.

The proclamation is embellished by our human relations and genuine rapport with the people, particularly those whom we serve on daily basis. Jesus' pedagogy of mission was: "He went around in villages and towns, proclaiming the good news and healing the sick and feeding the hungry" (Mt. 4:23). In our context, it is of paramount importance as most of our people are from villages and majority of our parishes/missions are located in villages. It is said: 'home going priests, forms church coming people'. The people are attracted to faith in Christ and to the Church by our dealings and visits to them. The missionaries have to become the rays of God's presence amidst our people. A sense

of amazement always encircled the listeners when Jesus spoke to them and when he was in their midst. A ray of divine presence was felt by the people around Jesus. His words contained wisdom and his actions communicated supernatural charisma; so they were amazed. See their comments: "They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Mk. 1:22).

What is required for hungry stomach is not necessarily the preaching but something to eat. Social up-liftment is part and parcel of Christian mission today. We live in a world where almost 50% of the people toil to earn for one square meal a day. In a world of technology and cybernetics, where the leaders are after grabbing wealth, supporting corporate world, advancing in land snatching of another country and warmongering, our mission is all the more important and aggravated. Our machinery to help the peoples' up-liftment to human dignity and destiny is of paramount importance and a priority in mission. Needless to say it is worth reflecting in the context of Chanda. We need yet to travel miles ahead. I gratefully acknowledge the LSSS, the diocesan social work wing and other Societies of different Congregations who are doing marvellous services in this regard. During 2018 Kerala Flood and Covid-19 pandemic we have done a marvellous task to alleviate the sufferings of the people. I do acknowledge also the regular social up-liftment programmes such as medical helps, tuberculosis and leprosy eradication drive, water shedding programmes for farmers etc. are but only a few examples to quote. Thanks to everyone involved in these activities.

One of the characteristic traits of Jesus' ministry on earth was his 'option for the poor' - a special concern for the sick, the weak, the marginalized, the ostracized and the abandoned. None from that category went empty handed from Jesus. He consoled them and comforted them. He literally lived: "Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God, Blessed are those who

mourn, for they will be comforted ... (Mt. 5:3-4). Everyone who came to Jesus with agony, anxiety, abandonment, etc. went home healed, happy and hopeful. A missionary has to follow the suit.

Mission is not restricted to just helping the needy but also empowering them to stand on one's own feet and to assist others in their needs. Drawing Church leaders from our community (lay and religious) is part of our mission. Vocation promotion to priesthood and religious life as well as raising lay leadership is also enshrined in our mission. When the present missionaries go behind the screen, it is the new generation of leaders who have to take the lead ahead. In other words it is also formation of new generation of the community of faithful. The mission has to be continued, for Christ has promised us that he shall be with us till the end of the age (Mt. 28:20).

Self enhancement of missionary commitment plays an important role in making mission effective and fruitful. Every missionary should take adequate interest in ongoing formation. As everyone knows formation is never-ending. Every knowledge and every instance in life is part of formation. A room for improvement is a wide horizon open to all and to everyone. Avail every opportunity to make our commitment to Christ and the Church better, at each moment of our life. Reading, reflection, retreats etc. assists us in ameliorating our missionary spirit, mission endeavours and human relations.

As missionaries we are also custodians of Church properties. By our appointment to a parish/institution we are primarily given charge of the 'care of souls' (CCEO, 281) but also that we have duty to take care of Church properties (CCEO, 1007). It includes preserving the buildings in good shape, doing renovations and repairs as required, proper use of station/institution vehicles, optimum use of our land (preferably natural-farming) etc. It is a grave responsibility as it is common property and we are given a temporary stewardship (CCEO,

1008/2). In the name of the Church and the people, we are appointed also as stewards to manage the properties - movable and immovable - attached to the Church/institution. We have a parable in the gospel wherein Jesus speaks about our responsibility to look after the property entrusted to the care of stewards (cf. Mt. 25:14-30). In one of the recent pastoral letters of major archbishop, he brings home to our attention the importance of farming our lands: "All the lands in the possession of individuals, institutions and parishes should be made available for farming. Not even a square inch of land should be left uncultivable. The people of God including the clergy should set apart some time daily for agricultural activities". It is our experience in our diocese that some lands in the missions are not cultivated - disinterestedness or ignorance may be the reason? Lack of the care of the land ended in losing our lands in some stations. In many stations people have encroached into our lands illegally and we have become silent spectators for fear or favour or sheer indifference? One reason for encroachment is our lack of care of the land and another is leaving it uncultivated for many years. This attitude is not at all justifiable and it is certainly dereliction of duty. We have divine bound duty to preserve and protect the properties of the Church/diocese and use it to the optimum for the good of the Church and for the people of God.

So my dear co-missionaries, the above mentioned nine points are but part of our missionary endeavours. In brief they are: i). Witness through life, the gospel values, ii). Proclamation of good news, iii). Family visits and village visits, iv). Social upliftment, v). Concern for the sick, marginalized and the abandoned vi). Forming Church leaders for our community (lay and religious), vii). Building up new generation of the faithful, viii). Self enhancement of missionary commitment (ongoing formation), ix). Protecting and maintaining Church properties and its optimum use. In a comprehensive and wholistic approach

to the mission, these become integral part of it, one leading to another or supporting one another and making it a whole. We cannot pretend ignorance and indifference! I invite everyone to be sincere, serious and sensible to respond to each situation positively and creatively. The holy mother Church has trained us to be missionaries expecting our full and complete co-operation. We resolve to do it hoping in the Lord and relying on God's providence. May God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2021

24 October, 2021

The Holy Father's message for the World Mission Day 2021 with the chosen theme, we are reminded of our joyful mission commitment: WE CANNOT BUT SPEAK ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD (Acts 4:20). Our Holy Father is reiterating as follows: By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. I like to think that "even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations."

Amidst the devastating turbulences due to the pandemic and the restricted regulations in different States of our nation, this year also, we will be having a feasible celebration of this world event, in order to ignite the spirit of mission in all the People-of-God of every diocese. We are once again looking forward to your generous contribution towards the Universal Solidarity Fund, as is required for World Mission.

Rev. Dr. Ambrose Pitchaimuthu
National Director

PASTORAL LETTER III

PL 9/ November 2021

WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

Thy Kingdom Come!

The world communication Sunday is celebrated every year on third Sunday of November. Of all times the communication technology has developed to a high pedestal during our times. Needless to say it is an easy and fast means of evangelization. Indeed very effective too. How many of us are really using it for evangelization and relentlessly also asking oneself the question of its misuse, over use, addiction and indifference to it. The Second Vatican Council's decree on the means of social communication *Inter Mirifica* states: "The Church, our mother, knows that if these media are properly used they can be of considerable benefit to mankind. They contribute greatly to the enlargement and enrichment of men's minds and to the propagation and consolidation of the kingdom of God. But the Church also knows that man can use them in ways that are contrary to the Creator's design and damaging to himself. Indeed, she grieves with a mother's sorrow at the harm all too often inflicted on society by their misuse" (#2). A discernment between *use* and *misuse* of social media is relevant question to be reflected seriously and sincerely.

Pope Francis in his 53rd world communication day message invited everyone a switch over from 'social net work communication to the human community' (2019 message). He stated that, "a reflection on foundation and importance of our

being-in-relation and to re-discover, in the vast array of challenges of the current communication context, the desire of the human person who does not want to be left isolated and alone." Indeed it is the crux of the problem today. Formation of communities in communion of hearts is the need of the hour. The experience today is that the inaccurate use of communication media has brought to existence 'islands' or 'division' among people, even among missionaries. Though distance is 'too short', the division is distanced too much, sometimes it has created irreparable conflicts and disturbances in human relations!

Pope Benedict XVI in his 45th world communication day message in the year 2011 warns everyone against search of 'friends' in digital media forgetting the challenge to be authentic and faithful, and not to give into the illusion of constructing an artificial public profile for oneself. One should not forget that in the dynamic inherent in the social networks demonstrate that a person is always involved in what he or she communicates. A person centered communication has been sidelined and a matter centered communication not only disregard the person who is the communicator and the drive force of the message but also restrict to enjoyment and self-centered in the communication process. As a result the horizon of effective communication in the realm of evangelization in communicating the message of Christ is not focused adequately and our primary mission is adversely affected. I am afraid to state that even we, the missionaries too have sometimes become victims of such misgivings!

In this context I suggest a thorough examination of content, frequency, style and the genuineness of our communications through social media. Whether it is Whatsapp, Instagram, Facebook etc. our communication mode, model and module is to be examined. The purpose, the priorities and the pursuance of the

use of these means of social communication requires serious reflection by missionaries who think that it is not proper or not up to the standard of expectation. Overuse and improper use need to be curtailed and adapt ideal use of it for a better and effective communication. A sense of “waste of time” involved or not properly using it for evangelization need serious examination of conscience is my opinion. While one recognizes all the positive effects of social media one should not over look its negative influences in the society. On the one hand we appreciate the fast communication and the great effects of the social media in human relations, family ties, general knowledge, entertainment, spiritual enrichment, new pedagogies in learning etc. on the other hand it also badly affect immature love affairs, indecent human relations, selfish attitudes, isolation, family conflicts, disinterest in academics, financial frauds, suicidal tendencies, extravagant lifestyle etc. Self-centered character, certain physical ailments like eye pain, back and neck ache, emotional imbalance, inferiority complexes etc. are the other side effects commonly noticed by the 'improper' use of social media or electronic gadgets. These are but a few pitfalls in the use of social media because of its use in improper ways. A proper discernment in its use has become a dire need. *Inter Mirifica* exhorts: “It is the Church's birthright to use and own any of these media which are necessary or useful for the formation of Christians and for pastoral activity. Pastors of souls have the task of instructing and directing the faithful how to use these media in a way that will ensure their own salvation and perfection and that of all mankind” (#3). A responsible use of these modern means of communication is going to assist humanity for greater good and better human relations.

If the media are to be correctly employed, it is essential that

all who use them know the principles of the moral order and apply them faithfully in this domain. They should also take into account the circumstances in which the content is communicated – the purpose, that is to say, the people, the place, the time etc. It is also essential that all those involved should form a correct conscience on the use of the media especially with regard to certain issues which are particularly controversial today. The recipients of social media, do so of their own free choice must necessarily avoid whatever might be a cause or occasion spiritual harm to themselves or might be source of danger to others through bad example (IM #9).

So Church desires that all the members of the Church should make a concerted efforts to ensure that the social media are put at the service of the multiple forms of the apostolate without delay and as energetically as possible, where and when they are needed. Ultimately what is of paramount importance is the use of social media for the good of humanity at large. Church sees great scope of evangelization – a personal interaction and, fast and effective means of communication. Let each one of us 'self-warn' of its improper and wrong use and focus on optimum use as where and when required. We shall focus not to do away with it but do use it responsibly.

May God bless you all.

Yours devotedly in Christ,



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CIRCULAR - 7

05 August 2021

Sub: Pro-life Movement: CBCI invitation to observe DAY OF MOURNING on Tuesday 10th August 2021

Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sisters and my dear People,

*Thy Kingdom Come!***Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

“Jesus came to give life and life in fullness” (Jn. 10:10). Every form of life is God's gift and it is worthy of reverence at any stage. The human life is crown of creation. We are on earth to foster and protect life. Today there is a 'culture of death' that is belittling the value of life. In the wake of the cruelty and disrespect to life the anti-abortion movement (also called the pro-life movement or right to life movement) started in US in late 1950's. Gradually it became a worldwide movement. The supporters of the movement oppose induced abortion on both moral and religious grounds. They generally argue that human life begins at conception and that the human zygote (or embryo or fetus) is a person and therefore has right to life. The Holy Mother Church holds the same view and respect life and promote it as a divine mandate. Let us resolve to do our best to protect and promote life in the best way possible.

The occasion of this circular is the completion of 50 years of medical termination of the Pregnancy Act 1971. The CBCI invites us to observe 10 August 2021 as a DAY OF MOURNING to pray for all unborn babies due to medical termination of life since the Law effected in our country 10th August 1971. See some proposals enlisted in the letter of His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias,

President of CBCI. Kindly do whatever is possible in our parishes and institutions. Keep the day (10 August 2021) as a day of mourning and prayer.

With warm regards
Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



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Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
(Apostleship of Prayers)**

Please Pray for the intentions of Holy Father Pope Francis

SEPTEMBER

Universal intention - An environmentally sustainable lifestyle We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

OCTOBER

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

NOVEMBER

Universal intention - People who suffer from depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

DECEMBER

Intention for evangelization - Catechists Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CIRCULAR - 8**30 August 2021****DIAMOND JUBILEE OF OUR DIOCESE**

Dear missionaries and well wishers of Chanda,

*Thy Kingdom Come!**Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!**“My soul magnifies the Lord,**And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk. 1:46-47).*

History rolls and we move with it; and at a particular movement we have to leave the scene, still the history rolls. Chanda diocese is entering a new phase in its existence on 3rd July. The Diamond Jubilee Year, (1962-2022) – Sixty years in the service of the Lord. We shall gratefully remember all missionaries who have gone to eternal rest and those serving still in the diocese and elsewhere in the world. The friends of Chanda and well wishers, past and present, are always in our memories for their incomparable committed service to the diocese. I offer a bouquet of gratitude to all present missionaries, retired and active, for their presence, prayers and encouragement. May their souls Rest In Peace for those who are called to eternal Rest. The past is a memory, the future is a hope, what is with us is present. Let us offer ourselves fully and completely to the mission entrusted to our care. God bless everyone of us.

In the Covid stricken situation today we are not planning any big celebration for the Diamond Jubilee of our diocese. On the other hand we shall focus on covid relief activities for the suffering people. We shall do a spiritual renewal in personal level to re-commit ourselves for the effectiveness of our mission. “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for

them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Mt. 9: 35-36). Christ calls us once again to this mission, to GO around, to PREACH the Good News and to HEAL the sick and show COMPASSION to everyone. That's all OUR MISSION and that is THE MISSION we are called to.

As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we shall observe the Year 2022 – 1 January to 31 December – as the year of thanksgiving, prayer and spiritual renewal. We shall pray for all our missionaries and our people. As the year specially dedicated to Sacred Heart of Jesus along with our evening family prayers or any other times, we shall recite the chaplets of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It shall be printed in three languages – Marathi, Hindi and English – and distributed in the diocese for daily recitation. Laminated picture of Sacred Heart of Jesus with Jubilee Greetings shall be prepared for all families and institutions in the diocese. The inauguration of the Jubilee shall be done on 1st January 2022 by garlanding the picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, lighting a lamp and reciting the chaplet to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in every family and institution. In parishes it shall be done on any of the following days: Sunday 26th December, Friday 31st December (after midnight Qurbana) or Sunday 2nd January. All are requested to recite chaplet to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on all Sundays after Holy Qurbana in the parishes. To revamp our ministry of evangelization a programme called Swargolsav is under planning. It is a parish based retreat programme preceded by home mission (Monday to Friday). Then the two days (Saturday & Sunday) programme will include adoration, healing prayer, Eucharistic procession, holy Qurbana, confession, Bible based skit, video presentation etc. The details shall be communicated later. A home construction project (60 Houses in the next ten years) is also planned and it is still in process. We shall also focus on our Decennial Catechetical and Faith Renewal Celebrations (DCFRC) scheduled in our pastoral plan 2019-2033 (Cf. Pp. 31 & 44). The Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry, CMI Mar Thoma Province, Chanda has scheduled a mission seminar on 19 February 2022. The

details will be communicated later. Let us all work together for the success of Jubilee celebrations by reviving missionary commitment to our primary ministry of evangelization by word and deed.

As we all know every jubilee is an occasion to look back and rectify the pitfalls as well as to look ahead to do still better. We shall do this exercise sincerely. We have to fortify our mission endeavors and make it more witnessing. Village mission has to be rejuvenated. Gather together who are lost and scattered. Deepen the faith of those who are regular for our faith formation exercises. Needless to say special attention on the faith formation, education and job orientation of our youth and children are of paramount importance. Focus due importance on the social upliftment of the poor, needy, marginalized and down trodden. There is no new pedagogy in our mission, but that of Jesus' method: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let oppressed go free to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk.4:18-19). "And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, and to have authority to cast out demons" (Mk. 3:14-15). "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20). "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (Acts. 10:38).

God bless everyone.

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



† Ephrem Nariculam,

Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

BISHOP'S DIARY

MAY

- 1-7 Animated the Diocesan formation programmes of the major seminarians at SVG.
- 4 Attended webinar of Public Affairs Committee on minority Rights, arranged by WRBC.
- 6 Conferred minor Orders and Vestition to the major seminarians at SVG.
- 15 Presided over the funeral service of Fr. Lawrence Burle at cathedral cemetery.
- 17 Attended online monthly recollection for priests and men religious and chaired Presbyterium.
- 27 Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana at Ashti for Fr. Lawrence Burle.

JUNE

- 6 Blessed the new Covid Relief ambulance of Christ Hospital and inaugurated Rain water harvest scheme at Christ Hospital Campus.
- 17 Ordained to holy priesthood Benson Puthenpurakal at St. Mary's Forane Church, Muttam, Cherthala and Shine Anthony Manjaly at St. Mary's Church, Thumbarassery.
- 19 Bishop was con-celebrant at funeral service of Fr. Sebastian Sankoorickal at St. Mary's Church, Njarackal
- 20 Conferred the Order *Karoyato* Bro. Jibin Perumakunnel at St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva
- 22 Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana at St. George Church, Wadel, Verapoly archdiocese and said office of the dead at St. Mary's Church, Njarackal cemetery for his neighbours Mr. Chacko Arakal and Mrs. Mary Mathappan Vazhappilly respectively.

- 26 Visited St.Mary's Parish, Elavoor, where Fr. Tony Villiadath is parish priest.
- 27 Offered Holy Qurbana at Preshitharam convent Elavoor, and said office of the dead for Sr. Rumould SABS at Yanam convent, Elavoor, later Bishop visited the house of the new priest Fr. Shine Anthony Manjaly at Thumbarassery.
- 27 Visited the house of Bro. Algin Pallivathukal and Fr. Albin Vadakkemulanjanal. He had also a courtsey visit to Vincentian Novitiate Erattayar and Capuchin monastery, Valiathovala. He officiated office of the dead at the tomb of Fr. Canisius Kachiramattam CMI at Amanakara CMI monastery and for Fr.George Kalapurakal CMI at Carmelite CMI monastery, Vazhakulam.
- 28 Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Mr. Vincent Thekkekara, beloved father of Fr. Bibin Thekkekara at St. George Cathedral, Kothamangalam and office of the dead at the tomb and visited his family members at home. Later Bishop officiated office of the dead at the tomb of beloved father of Bro. Gerald at Keerampara Parish and later prayed at the tomb of Fr. Paul Kattamkottil CMI at Carmelite monastery, Malayinkeezhu, Kothamangalam.
- 29 Visited Fr. Sijo Kattookaran at his parish in Trichur archdiocese. Later bishop met with Archbishop Andrews Thazhath and Bp. Tony Neelamkavil. Bishop also visited Mary Matha major seminary, Trichur.
- 30 Met with Bp.Jacob Manathoadath and Bp. Peter Kochupurakal at Bishop's Home, Palakad.

JULY

- 2 Offered Holy Qurbana at St.Thomas Cathedral,BPQ in connection with *Dukhrana* feast.
- 6 Visited Nandgaon, Dhanora, Gadchiroli, Jarawandi

- mission stations and Institutions.
- 7 Visited Kurkheda, Wasa and Mul stations.
- 9 Attended a meeting at Wardha parish.
- 10 Offered Holy Qurbana at SD provincial house Wardha and offered greetings to Sr. Michael SD in the name of Chanda family as she is completing 90 years of life. She is the first Chanda missionary who is crossing 90 years of life.
- 11-16 Animated deacon's pastoral orientation programme, BPQ.
- 17 Conferred Bro. Linto Vallathukaran, the Order of *Heupadiaknusa* at SVG, New Daheli.
- 21 Attended WRBC meeting online.
- 22 Visited Ashti, Bhamragarh, Ettapalli, and Allapalli, missions.
- 23 Offered Holy Qurbana at ASMI convent Allapalli and visited Gomini, Kopreli, and Kalamana stations
- 25 Attended global youth webinar arranged by youth commission of Syro-Malabar synod of Bishops.
- 29 Visited St. Charles seminary, Nagpur.
- 30 Offered Requiem Holy Qurbana for Mr. George Kurusunkal at Rosary parish, Seminary Hills, Nagpur and officiated office of the dead at his tomb.

AUGUST

- 3 Attended monthly recollection of the Diocesan priests at SVG and chaired presbyterium of diocesan priests.
- 4 Attended Vianney day celebration at SVG.
- 6 Visited Pattaguda, Shengaon, Jivathi, Wani and Warur missions
- 7 Sr. Reeta DM, the provincial superior visited bishop at Bishop's Home.
- 9 Fr. Benny Mukalel CMI, Provincial Superior and Fr. Binoy

- Chekonthayil CMI met with bishop at Bishop's Home. Sr. Jane FDSHJ and Sr. Mary FDSHJ, the general councillors of FDSHJ congregation met with bishop.
- 11 Offered Holy Qurbana at SVG and inaugurated the new academic year 2021-2022 and welcomed the new comers to the seminary.
- 14 Presided over the farewell programme arranged at Bishop's Home for Mr. Joseph Thannipara. Bishop officiated office of the dead for Fr. Joseph Kozhikothickal at Cathedral along with inmates of Bishop's Home, Ballarpur.
- 16 Presided over Funeral service of Fr. Joseph Kozhikothickal at St. Xavier's Church, Vilakumadam
- 16-20 Attended Syro-Malabar Bishop's synod online.
- 17 Met with Bp. Joseph Kallarangat, Bp. Jacob Murickan and Bp. Joseph Pallikaparambil at Bishop's House, Palai.
- 21 Attended Onam celebration at Niveditha, Chunangumveli
- 22 Met with Bp. Jose Pulickal at Kanjirapally, Bishop's House
- 23-29 Attended Syro-Malabar Bishop's synod online.
- 23 Blessed the marriage of Mr. Albin, our accountant assistant, Ballarpur, at Chamampathal Parish, Kanjirappally diocese.
- 24 Offered Holy Qurbana for the reposed soul of Mr. Eliamma, beloved mother of Fr. Saju Chamakalayil at Little Flower Church, Kulathoor.
- 25 Visited Fr. Praveen Poovathingal at CMI prayer centre, Pullikanam. Met with Fr. Jose Parayil CFIC, the provincial superior at CFIC provincial house, Kanjikuzhy Kottayam.
- 29 Officiated solemn Holy Communion at St. George's Church, Munnoorpilly.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2021**

**“We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard”
(Acts 4:20)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once we experience the power of God's love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples and his humanity, as revealed to us in the mystery of his Incarnation, Gospel and Paschal Mystery, shows us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes his own our joys and sufferings, our hopes and our concerns (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 22). Everything about Christ reminds us that he knows well our world and its need for redemption, and calls us to become actively engaged in this mission: “Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find” (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.

The experience of the Apostles

The history of evangelization began with the Lord's own passionate desire to call and enter into friendly dialogue with everyone, just as they are (cf. Jn 15:12-17). The Apostles are the first to tell us this; they remembered even the day and the hour when they first met him: “It was about four o'clock in the afternoon” (Jn 1:39). Experiencing the Lord's friendship, watching him cure the sick, dine with sinners, feed the hungry, draw near to the outcast, touch the unclean, identify with the needy, propose the Beatitudes and teach in a new and authoritative way, left an indelible mark on them, awakening amazement, expansive joy and a profound sense of gratitude. The prophet Jeremiah describes this experience as one of a consuming

awareness of the Lord's active presence in our heart, impelling us to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail (cf. 20:7-9). Love is always on the move, and inspires us to share a wonderful and hope-filled message: “We have found the Messiah” (Jn 1:41).

With Jesus, we too have seen, heard and experienced that things can be different. Even now, he has inaugurated future times, reminding us of an often forgotten dimension of our humanity, namely, that “we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love” (Fratelli Tutti, 68). A future that awakens a faith capable of inspiring new initiatives and shaping communities of men and women who, by learning to accept their own frailty and that of others, promote fraternity and social friendship (cf. *ibid.*, 67). The ecclesial community reveals its splendour whenever it recalls with gratitude that the Lord loved us first (cf. 1 Jn 4:19). “The loving predilection of the Lord surprises us, and surprise by its very nature cannot be owned or imposed by us... Only in this way can the miracle of gratuitousness, the gratuitous gift of self, blossom. Nor can missionary fervour ever be obtained as a result of reasoning or calculation. To be 'in a state of mission' is a reflection of gratitude” (Message to the Pontifical Mission Societies, 21 May 2020).

Even so, things were not always easy. The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship. Experiences of marginalization and imprisonment combined with internal and external struggles that seemed to contradict and even negate what they had seen and heard. Yet, rather than a difficulty or an obstacle leading them to step back or close in on themselves, those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission. Limitations and obstacles became a privileged occasion for anointing everything and everyone with the Spirit of the Lord. Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation.

We have a vivid testimony to all this in the Acts of the Apostles, a book which missionary disciples always have within easy reach. There we read how the fragrance of the Gospel spread as it was preached, awakening the joy that the Spirit alone can bestow. The Book of Acts teaches us to endure hardship by clinging firmly to Christ, in order to grow in the “conviction that God is able to act in any circumstance, even amid apparent setbacks” and in the certainty that “all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruit” (Evangelii Gaudium, 279).

The same holds true for us: our own times are not easy. The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty and the injustices experienced by so many people. It has unmasked our false sense of security and revealed the brokenness and polarization quietly growing in our midst. Those who are most frail and vulnerable have come to feel even more so. We have experienced discouragement, disillusionment and fatigue; nor have we been immune from a growing negativity that stifles hope. For our part, however, “we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake” (2 Cor 4:5). As a result, in our communities and in our families, we can hear the powerful message of life that echoes in our hearts and proclaims: “He is not here, but has risen (Lk 24:6)! This message of hope shatters every form of determinism and, to those who let themselves be touched by it, bestows the freedom and boldness needed to rise up and seek with creativity every possible way to show compassion, the “sacramental” of God's closeness to us, a closeness that abandons no one along the side of the road.

In these days of pandemic, when there is a temptation to disguise and justify indifference and apathy in the name of healthy social distancing, there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary distancing an

opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. “What we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility, enabling us to recover a shared passion for building “a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources (Fratelli Tutti, 36). The Lord's word daily rescues and saves us from the excuses that can plunge us into the worst kind of skepticism: “Nothing changes, everything stays the same”. To those who wonder why they should give up their security, comforts and pleasures if they can see no important result, our answer will always remain the same: “Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death and is now almighty. Jesus Christ is truly alive” (Evangelii Gaudium, 275) and wants us to be alive, fraternal, and capable of cherishing and sharing this message of hope. In our present circumstances, there is an urgent need for missionaries of hope who, anointed by the Lord, can provide a prophetic reminder that no one is saved by himself.

Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others. Just as the Apostles saw, heard and touched the saving power of Jesus (cf. 1 Jn 1:1-4), we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side. As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.

An invitation to each of us

The theme of this year's World Mission Day – “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to “own” and to bring to others what we

bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for “she exists to evangelize” (SAINT PAUL VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere. The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and his offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They did so with the generosity, gratitude and nobility typical of those who sow seeds in the knowledge that others will enjoy the fruit of their efforts and sacrifice. I like to think that “even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations” (Christus Vivit, 239).

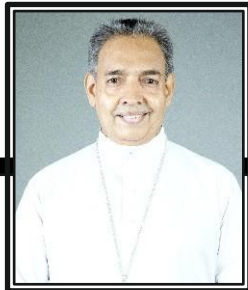
On World Mission Day, which we celebrate each year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message.

Contemplating their missionary witness, we are inspired to be courageous ourselves and to beg “the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2). We know that the call to mission is not a thing of the past, or a romantic leftover from earlier times. Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of

our cities or our own families. Universal openness to love has a dimension that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our “circle of interests” (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 97). To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

May Mary, the first missionary disciple, increase in all the baptized the desire to be salt and light in our lands (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

Franciscus



Many Happy returns of the day (10 December) dear Bishopji...

Assurance of our sincere prayers... May the Good Shepherd shower His choicest blessings that you become an effective instrument in realizing God's Kingdom here on earth...

We love you and thanks for your love...

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DUKRANA - SABHADINAM

Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church,
to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men and Women
and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.
May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you are aware, the third of July is a day that awakens great memories. We call it the Dukrana, the day of commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. The meaning of the word Dukrana is “remembrance”. We celebrate this day as Sabhadinam from 2013 onwards. We celebrate this year’s Dukrana as in the previous year without any solemn public functions because of the Covid-19.

The Background of the Pandemic

India was almost successful in combating the spread of the Covid-19 in its beginning stage, called as the first wave. But the second wave is very disastrous and has caused the deaths of thousands. As per official account, 387000 were dead because of the Covid-19 in India. Of these, around 12000 are from Kerala. It is undoubtedly a massive loss of lives. We shall remember those who passed away and their grieving families in our prayers. There are also thousands who are enduring great physical hardships on account of the pandemic. We get dire intimations of the eruption of a third wave through the news media in the coming months. It is feared that this third wave would affect children badly. What we can do is to get vaccinated at the earliest available time as a preventive strategy. We shall cooperate wholeheartedly with the preventive measures proposed by the governments.

There are many who are sacrificing their lives to prevent the

onslaught of the pandemic. We shall remember gratefully the valuable services of doctors, nurses, health workers and the religious who have given their lives to serve the sick and dying during these harrowing times. We shall offer our prayers for those health workers who lost their lives in this battle against the Covid-19. The young people, the religious and the clergy who work as volunteers to care for the sick deserve our admiration. Four bishops, more than five hundred priests and the religious have died in the pandemic in India. May the merciful Lord bless them abundantly for their dedicated service! One of the bishops who passed away was Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil, the Bishop Emeritus of Sagar. May his soul rest in peace!

Our Eparchies in States outside Kerala and India are passing through difficult times during this period of Covid-19. But the pandemic has subsided in foreign countries. We have to mention specially the heroic work by our mission dioceses in combating the pandemic. The bishops, priests and the lay faithful are working with great dedication at this time. Let our prayers be a source of strength and protection for them!

The Example and the Spirit of St. Thomas

It would be appropriate to reflect at this time on what kind of inspiration we can derive from the commemoration of the Feast of St. Thomas. We are aware of the transformation that happened in the lives of the Apostles on the day of the Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was through the power of the same Spirit that St. Thomas came to India to preach the faith and to establish the faith communities. We cannot imagine the enormous effort he had taken for his journey and ministry in India. According to some study, he had made two trips to India: one by land to North India and the other by sea to reach Kerala. This heroism of St. Thomas should fill us with confidence to face the hardships caused by the pandemic.

St. Thomas has shown extraordinary heroism in his life. When Jesus desired to go to Jerusalem in order to resurrect Lazar

when the Jews were planning to stone Him to death, Thomas said with great faith and boldness: "Let us go and die with him" (Jn. 11:16). Later, he came to India and was martyred here 'with Jesus' in his heart. He also tried to get more information about the message and life by asking Jesus directly. It was he who asked the Lord when he was mentioning that he was about to leave the world and that they know the way: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; but then how can we know the way?" It was in response to this question that Jesus made the great declaration: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn. 14:6). This revelation of Jesus made Thomas more aware of Jesus as the Savior of the world. The presence and interventions of St. Thomas in the Gospels are a source of hope and confidence to those who believe in Jesus.

Online Programmes

During this time of Covid-19, the activities of the Church as exercised through the CBCI, the KCBC, the Synod of Bishops, Eparchies, religious congregations, organizations etc. are being coordinated online. We shall be thankful to God that we can preserve the life of the Church in this manner. When the pandemic is creating distance among people, online programmes offer a way of life to bring people together.

The Synod of Bishops of our Church was held online in August 2020 and January 2021 because of the Covid-19. The next Synod will also, most probably, be taking place in the digital platform. The Holy See has given guidelines for the conduct of the online Synod.

Recent Developments in the Church

I am very happy to let you know of some of the changes happening in the day to day activities of the Church. You might have known by this time that the territorial jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Melbourne has been extended to the whole of Oceania. We shall be thankful to the Holy See. Our congratulations go to

Mar Bosco Puthur, the Bishop and the Eparchy of Melbourne. We are happy to welcome Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, the new Apostolic Nuncio who has taken charge of his office on 28 May. We are thankful to the former Nuncio, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro who served India for the last three years with great dedication. It is a matter of joy for us that many Bishops who belong to the Syro-Malabar Church are serving in various Latin dioceses in India and in the world. Recently Msgr. Siby Peedikayil who belongs to the Congregation of the Heralds of Good News and is hailing from the Eparchy of Kanjirapally was appointed the Bishop of Aitape, a diocese in Papua New Guinea, a country in Oceania. Congratulations and prayerful greetings to the new bishop from the mother Church!

The seminary commissions, religious congregations and the seminary authorities are doing their utmost in carrying out the work of the formation of the seminarians despite the many obstacles that have come in their way on account of the Covid. Online classes for the new academic year have already begun. We remember with gratitude all those who are engaged in the formation of our seminarians with great dedication and commitment.

A revised text of the Holy Qurbana has been submitted to the Holy See for approval. The Liturgy Commission is focused at present on the unification and revision of the Yama Parathanakal. The Catechetical Commission has prepared online classes very effectively during the Covid period. Sunday school classes and classes for Sunday school teachers are being held online. Thanks also go to the Goodness, Shalom and Shekinah channels for telecasting the online Sunday classes very generously.

The Internet Mission and the Media Commission are organizing many innovative programmes, taking into account the needs of the times. The main programmes of the Internet Mission are building websites for the Eparchies and other organizations, developing software for them and the Syro-Malabar matrimony.

The Media Commission publishes two online bulletins known as the Syro-Malabar Vision and Mount Vision. Historical research was begun under the auspices of the Liturgical Research Centre. The project of the Syro-Malabar Heritage and Research Centre, which was started a few years ago, is not yet completed on account of the paucity of funds because of the Covid-19. The Commissions concerned have successfully implemented different programmes for mission activities, for the expatriates, scholarships for Dalit Catholics and for the promotion of vocations.

Welfare Schemes

I am happy that various programmes are being put together in all Eparchies and mission territories for the prevention of the spread of the pandemic and for the welfare of the people. In the Church of Kerala, programmes for the prevention of the contagion of the virus are being organized by the Social Service Forum, the Catholic Health Association and the KCBC Health Commission. The eparchial organizations are collaborating with them. In order to take care of the needs of the expatriates and to find solutions for their problems, our eparchial organizations are cooperating with the government and they deserve our appreciation. Each Eparchy has to see to it that it is its responsibility to find the right welfare schemes for the poor in our society from the various welfare programmes started by the government. The Welfare Fund for Farmers is a good programme of the government. Our eparchial organizations should get our farmers enrolled in these programmes.

As the monsoon months of June, July and August would bring in more hardships and floods, we should all join together to bring help to the suffering.

Due Rights of the Community

The government should see to it that there be justice and due proportionality in the distribution of minority benefits. Similarly the rights of the economically backward in the non reservation communities should also be protected. In all these instances, our

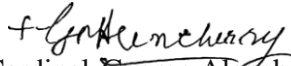
policy is that the benefits due to the Latin community, the Dalit Christians and other communities should in no way be affected. It is through just methods that the due rights given by the Constitution and the democratic set-ups should be secured. There should be no attempts to break the communal harmony existing in the country among different religions and communities. The responses expressed through the social media in this regard should be tolerant and Christian. The Public Affairs Commission of our Church is intervening effectively at critical times in all these matters. The Catholic Congress is also vigilant in the social issues.

Finally

We have to continue our special prayers and acts of adoration to get total liberation from the pandemic. This time of the pandemic gives us the wisdom to discern that our talents alone would not achieve everything in life. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want...I will not fear even though I walk in the shadow of death (Ps. 23:1-4). We shall put our trust in the Lord. We shall also strive to live like the Good Samaritan by placing our services at the disposal of those who need our help.

I hope our priests will somehow find ways to give the faithful the experience of participation in the Eucharistic service on July 3rd in one way or another. Also, please try to increase the participation of the people in our church-related online programmes which will strengthen the sense of solidarity among the faithful.

I wish all of you the blessings of the Dukrana feast and of the Sabhadinam and bless all of you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.


Cardinal George Alencherry



Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

Praise be to Jesus Christ!

"I willingly take the occasion of the recognition of the new Raza Qurbana Taksa to exhort the clergy, religious and lay faithful to proceed to a prompt implementation in the uniform mode of celebrating the Holy Qurbana, for the greater good and unity of your Church. May the Holy Spirit foster harmony, fraternity and unity among all members of your Church as you work to implement the Synodal decision". - Pope Francis

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you are aware, our Church was in the path of renewal of the Liturgy from 1934 onwards. Deeper investigations into the heritage and the identity of the Church which gave new insights began to take place with the implementation of the Raza text of the Qurbana in 1986. As a result of that effort, it was possible to form a uniform text for all the Sacraments and for the Sacred Orders. But the efforts to have a uniform mode of celebration of the Holy Qurbana did not bear fruit on account of several factors. Although a model for a uniform mode of celebration was given by the Synod in 1999, it was not implemented in all the eparchies. Because of that, demands were made from the different levels of the Church for a uniform mode of celebration. The members of the Church also were praying for it. At all the Major Archiepiscopal Assemblies, the delegates asked for a uniform mode of celebration. The Synod of Bishops at their different Sessions was trying to implement a uniform mode of celebration. At the Synod of 2019, the secretaries of the pastoral councils who were present along with the Bishops have asked for a uniform mode of celebration. The Synod of 2020 made the suggestion that the non-compliant eparchies should be asked to conform to the uniform mode of celebration.

During the Corona crisis, people were disturbed when they watched the Holy Qurbana celebrated in different ways. This lack of unity in the mode of celebration has also upset the Apostolic See. The Congregation for the Eastern Churches came to the conclusion that it would be absolutely necessary to have a uniform mode of celebration. Hence the Apostolic Nuncio sent a letter on 4 May 2020 to the Major Archbishop in this regard. When the revised text of the Qurbana was submitted for approval, the

Congregation for the Eastern Churches wrote back on 09 November 2020 asking for uniformity in the mode of celebration. Granting *recognitio* to the revised text of the Holy *Qurbana*, on 09 June 2021, the Congregation for the Eastern Churches gave clear directions for the implementation of the uniform mode of celebration. As a continuation of this, the Holy Father wrote a letter to the bishops, priests, religious and the laity of the Syro-Malabar Church exhorting to follow a uniform mode of celebration. This was a letter meant for the whole Syro-Malabar Church. Hence every member of the faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church has an obligation to follow this directive. The words of this appeal of the Holy Father are quoted at the beginning of this pastoral letter. In this context, the Synod that was held online from 16 to 27 August 2021 studied and discussed this topic in detail. What is most distinguishing about the Syro-Malabar Church is its unwavering and unbreakable fidelity to the Holy See. Our ancestors gave us the tradition of this faithfulness to Peter (*cum Petro et sub Petro*) and obedience to the Head of the Church and to the Bishops. It is worthwhile to remember the words of Mar Augustine Kandathil, the former Archbishop of Ernakulam, in a similar context with regard to the liturgical celebration in 1934: "Whatever may be the decision of the Holy See, we accept it." This is the model we have to follow. We believe that the Holy Spirit teaches us through the Holy Father. We know that the faithful are obliged to obey the directives of the Holy Father (CCEO c. 45). The Church documents also affirm this fact. It is the Holy Father who is to give the final verdict in matters of worship (SC 22). No one, whether priests or the laity, has the right to change or add to the text of the liturgical celebrations (SC 22,3). Hence we are obliged to obey the direction given by the Holy Father. Neither the Synod nor any individual Bishop has the right to take a contrary decision. We should not forget that obedience is greater than sacrifice (1 Sam. 15-22). The way shown by the Holy Father is the way of God's grace for us. Hence, our only choice is to follow the mode of celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* which is exhorted by the Holy Father, approved by the Synod and desired by the faithful as an expression of our obedience to the Holy Father and the discharge of our responsibility as members of the ecclesial communion.

There may be people among us who hold that what is needed is not uniformity but unity. Although unity and uniformity are not the same, they are complementary. Unity won't be possible without uniformity in the basic forms of the Liturgy. The history of our Church attests to this. The uniformity of the celebration consists in this: The celebrant faces the

faithful until the end of the Creed, then turns to the Sanctuary until the end of the *Anaphora* up to the Communion and then faces congregation after the Communion for thanksgiving prayers and for final benediction. The Second Vatican Council teaches us that there should be both the *Bema* (the Table of the Word) and the Altar (the Table of the Bread) for an authentic celebration of the Eucharist (DV 14). The tradition of our Church shows also the same. The Introductory Service and the Liturgy of the Word in the Holy *Qurbana* remind us of the birth and the public ministry of Jesus. It is because of this that the first part of the *Qurbana* is offered facing the people. Then, after the creed the celebrant, "with clean heart and clear conscience", enters the Sanctuary as a representative of the Christ and on behalf of the Church and offers the sacrifice to the Heavenly Father. It is on account of this that the direction is given for the celebrant to face the Sanctuary during the *Anaphora* and the consecratory part. In the Eastern as well as in the Western Churches, the Eucharist was offered facing the Altar until 1965. The Holy Father is asking us to recover the ancient tradition of the Church. When the offering part is over, the celebrant turns to face the congregation after the communion to say the thanksgiving prayers and to give the final blessings. The Eucharist is the sacrifice offered by the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ in union with the Head to the Heavenly Father. The Church from the first centuries thought it appropriate for the people of God and for the priest who acts in the name of Christ to face the Altar which is the throne of God. The priest who offers the *Qurbana* represents Christ and the Church at the same time (*alter Christus et altera ecclesia*). The Church also proclaims that the Christian life is a pilgrimage to heaven. The people of God as a whole are on a pilgrimage to heaven which is symbolized by the *Madbhaha*. All the prayers in the *Qurbana* are arranged for a joint celebration of the people on earth with the angelic choirs and Saints in heaven. The Altar which is considered to be the throne of God and the sepulcher of our Lord has a dominant role in the Liturgy. It is because of this that the "turning to the altar" is considered to be the turning to God by the Fathers of the Church (*conversi ad Dominum*). On account of this sacred tradition of the Church the decision was made by the Synod to ask the celebrant to turn to the Altar from the beginning of the *Anaphora* up to the communion and the same was exhorted by the Holy Father to be implemented promptly. The realization that the unity in the Liturgy is the basis of ecclesiastical communion has come to us late and because of that many divisions did take place which created wounds in the body of the Church. We shall confess this failure in humility and contrition before God.

Let the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI that "Without unity at the Altar, there will be no unity in the Church" be the guiding light for us.

The Fathers of the Synod discussed sincerely the difficulties raised from some corners in implementing the uniform mode of celebration. The Bishops are aware of the concerns and apprehensions that would arise when a mode of celebration that was in practice for several decades in a few eparchies undergoes a sudden change. But the Fathers felt that the Holy Spirit was guiding them to obey wholeheartedly the direction given by the Holy Father to guide the flock of the Lord in unity. This decision should not be viewed as a victory or a failure of a particular line of thought. The Holy Father has asked us to follow the decision of the Synod that has tried to integrate the two differing lines of thought in Liturgy. Hence the Synod has now decided to implement the revised text of the Holy *Qurbana (editio typica)* in the uniform mode of celebration as directed by the Holy Father, from the beginning of the next liturgical year, which is the first Sunday of the Season of Annunciation that falls on 28 November 2021. The Synod Fathers are requesting everyone to implement this decision with a single mind, taking into account the common good of the Church and setting aside the individual likes and dislikes. The whole Church was praying and fasting in the last month for the success of the Synod. This prayer was helpful for the Synod to receive the Grace of God to take good decisions. We shall take a common decision to make the celebration of the Holy *Qurbana* an occasion for receiving the grace for the unity of the Church. All have to be beware of creating dissenting voices in this matter. I am urging with great fraternal solicitude the priests and the consecrated men and women to pay their serious attention to this matter. Let the sacrifice of Jesus which was offered for the redemption of mankind be our own self-sacrifice. Let us surrender ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that destroys the walls of division. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother who was a full participant in the sacrifice at Calvary and that of St. Thomas who transmitted to us the Light of Faith along with that of the Saints and Blesseds of our Church guide us in our path of Unity! May the Grace of the Merciful Lord be with you always!



Cardinal George Alencherry
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

July 21, 2021

Your Eminence, Your Beatitude, Your Grace, Your Excellency,

The death of Fr. Stan Swamy has been a shock for all. We knew his health was precarious; that he was jailed on charges that were not established; that he was given rough treatment when incarcerated in the Taloja jail. Our hearts went out to him. But when he passed away, we were numbed.

I knew Fr. Stan personally having briefly lived in the same community with him many years back in Jamshedpur. He was gentle, kind, soft spoken but articulate with a single minded dedication to the cause of tribals, spending hours with them every day.

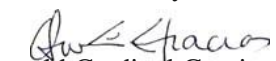
We remember him with affection. The greatest tribute we can pay to him is to keep alive his vision: to work for the poor and the oppressed with dedication. Pope Francis reminds us of this often.

Fr. Stany D'Souza, the Jesuit Provincial of South Asia (POSA) has called for a National Solidarity Day on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 to remember Fr. Stan Swamy. We tully endorse this and I encourage every Bishop in his diocese to particlpate to the extent possible according to the local situation. The .Jesuit Provincial in your area will give you posters and banners that may be needed for the program from 6.00 pm to 6.45 pm on July 28. You will receive details from the Provincial.

We are in the midst of a pandemic and It is essential we observe the COVI D 19 protocols (wearing of masks, maintaining social distancing, and no large gatherings) but even with these restrictions we can join in. Please take into consideration your own local circumstances and regulations of the State Government.

The NUCF and others have expressed interest in paying tribute to Fr. Stan Swamy, and I am inviting them to join in this program.

With kind regards and best wishes,
Yours fraternally in Christ,



+ Oswald Cardinal Gracias
Archbishop of Bombay & President -
Catholic Bishops' Conference of India

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF INDIA (CBCI)

Day of Mourning - August 10, 2021

August 2, 2021

Your Eminence, Your Beatitude, Your Grace, Your Excellency,

August 10, 2021 will mark the completion of 50 years since the coming into effect of the Medical Termination of the Pregnancy Act in India. Millions of abortions have taken place in our country after that legislation and there is no sign of slowing down of this anti-life trend. One estimate puts the number of abortions in 2015 alone at 15.6 million!

We are invited to mark August 10th as a "**DAY OF MOURNING**" so that through various means the Church can express our sorrow at the killing of unwanted babies, and we can promote a pro-life mentality in our Society.

I met a coalition of several pro-life bodies led by Bishop Thomas Elavanal and I am sharing with you some of the suggestions that emerged at the meeting.

1. A campaign of prayer and reparation for the decades of innocent bloodshed.
2. A Mass to be offered in every parish on August 10, 2021 in memory of the unborn babies killed, and to make reparation for the sin of abortion.
3. The ringing of funeral bells in our Churches for 1-2 minutes on that day.
4. A Sermon to be preached in all our Churches on Pro Life theme on a Sunday close to August 10, 2021.
5. Organizing Youth United for the Church (YU4C) pro-life formation programs.
6. Presenting Pro-Life programs during the week on our media channels.

7. Observing Mercy Hour in all our parishes, religious houses, seminaries and Catholic Institutions on or around August 10, 2021.

8. A digital black out through the social media platform.

I am aware that we are in a lockdown and hence we are limited in our options. I recommend that you do what is possible, keeping in mind we are called to promote a culture of life. "I have come that you may have life and life to the full." (John 10:10). The Church is in the forefront of promotion of a pro-life culture all over the world.

With kind regards and affectionate wishes,

Yours fraternally in Christ.

+ Oswald Cardinal Gracias



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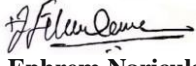
Thanks...

Mr. Jose Thannippara who has been serving in the diocese as chief accountant for the last 40 years retired in August 2021. Chanda Family expresses cordial thanks to him for his sincere services in the mission. His expertise in accounting and law was of great assistance to our Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in the diocese. Chanda Family wishes him a happy retired life. May God bless him.

PRO
Diocese of Chanda

V. CURIA MATTERS**TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (01 June 2021)**

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Joseph Kalathil		Priest-in-Charge, Nagbir	20.05.2021
2	Fr. Aneesh Koothoor		Asst. Priest-in-charge, Kurkheda	28.05.2021
3	Fr. Sunil Gandhare CMF	Asst. Priest-in-charge, Kurkheda		28.05.2021
4	Dn. Bernard Kujur		Diaconate Ministry, Kurkheda	28.05.2021
5	Fr. Adarsh Kootanal CMF	Asst. Priest-in-charge, Dhanora, Sindasur & Gajamendi		28.05.2021
6	Fr. Jeevan KD	Priest-in-Substitute, Chincholi	Priest-in-charge, Bamragrah (Temporary)	10.06.2021
7	Fr. Clement Madamana	Priest-in-charge, Bamragrah	Vocation Promotion, Kerala Residence - Kodakara	10.06.2021
8	Fr. Tony Blayil RCJ	Asst. Parish Priest, Brahmapuri		13.06.2021
9	Fr. Joseph Mukalel CFIC		Asst. Parish Priest, Brahmapuri	13.06.2021

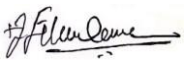

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 Bishop, Eparchy of Chanda



Fr. Shibu Monippalil
 Chancellor

TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS Eparchy of Chanda (12 July 2021)

No.	Name	From/Relieved	To/Appointed	W.E.F
1	Fr. Anish Koothur Vellattukara	Asst. Priest-in-Charge Kurkheda		19 July 2021
2	Fr. Jose Zade	Asst. Parish Priest, Warur	Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Kurkheda	19 July 2021
3	Fr. Shine Manjaly		Asst. Parish Priest. Cathedral	19 July 2021
4	Fr. Benson Puthenpurackal		Asst. Parish Priest, Chandrapur	19 July 2021
5	Fr. Danish John Manjaly CMF		Asst. Priest-in-Charge, Dhanora, Sindasur, Gajamendi & Murungaon	19 July 2021
6	Sr. Seena DM	Health Coordinator		19 July 2021
7	Fr. Joseph Kalathil (Temporary)		Health Coordinator	19 July 2021
8	Fr. Peter Kisan		Administrator, Gojoli	19 July 2021
9	Dn. Bernard Kujur	Deacon Ministry, Kurkheda	Deacon Ministry, Warur	01 August 2021
10	Fr. Ouseppachan MATHALIKUNNEL	Asst. Priest-in-charge Jivathi	Asst. Parish Priest, Ettapalli	10 August 2021
11	Fr. Anish Koothur Vellattukara		Asst. Priest-in-charge, Jivathi	10 August 2021


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Diocese of Chanda

(A note on Front Cover Picture)

The ozone layer is the common term for the high concentration of ozone that is found in the stratosphere around 15–30 km above the earth's surface. It covers the entire planet and protects life on earth by absorbing harmful Ultraviolet-B (UV-B) radiation from the sun. Ozone is a molecule made up of three oxygen atoms, often referenced as O₃. Ozone is formed when heat and sunlight cause chemical reactions between oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), which are also known as Hydrocarbons. The ozone layer filters out most of the sun's harmful UV radiation and is therefore crucial to life on Earth. Life on earth couldn't exist without the ozone layer. The main cause of ozone depletion and the ozone hole is manufactured chemicals, especially manufactured halocarbon refrigerants, solvents, propellants, and foam-blowing agents etc. Plants cannot live and grow in heavy ultraviolet radiation, nor can the planktons that serve as food for most of the ocean life. Too much ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause skin cancer, cataract, immune deficiency disorders, other respiratory sickness and damage of DNA molecules in plants and animals. It also affects plant growth, and reducing agricultural productivity. The oxide emissions from industrial sectors, vehicles, burning of plastics, paints, rubber, synthetic materials etc. adversely affect the ozone layer. It is our responsibility to protect ozone layer for us and for the future generation. The five ways to protect ozone layer are: (1) Avoid the consumption of gases dangerous to the ozone layer (Primarily applicable to industrial sector). (2) Minimize the emission of vehicles. (3) Do not use detergents (Cleaning products) that are harmful to the environment and to us. (4) Avoid/stop burning chemicals like plastics, rubber etc. (Try

recycling). (5) Maintain air conditioners (Avoid/minimize its use and keep regular maintenance).

International day for the preservation of ozone layer is 16 September. The theme of 2021 ozone layer day is “Ozone for life: 36 years of ozone layer protection”. As per the international treaty (1987) on the montreal protocol, all abiding nations should reduce substances that cause ozone depletion. We should take up efforts and spread awareness on preserving ozone layer. The member countries signed and pledged to protect the ozone layer by limiting the use of CFCs (Chlorofluoro carbons) and harmful elements that caused the depletion of the ozone layer in the atmosphere. India signed and ratified the Vienna convention for the protection of the ozone layer in 1991 and the montreal protocol on substances in 1992, signaling the country's commitment to the global cause, addressing the harmful effects of the ozone layer depletion.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our Deacons.....



Dn. Bernard Kujur

Date of Ordination : 25th September 2021

Venue : St. Alphonsa church, Jarawandi
(Chanda Diocese)

Time : 10.00 AM

Quotes

“ *Let us Nurture the nature that
we can have better future.* ”

ONE WORD QUESTIONS

- 1) What was the theme for first environmental day?
- 2) For which type of development social, economic and ecological equity is necessary conditions?
- 3) Which was the first city to have an established system of waste removal?
- 4) The term Niche was coined by?
- 5) What is the level of sound during normal conversation?
- 6) Which is the National Aquatic Animal of India?
- 7) In which year the Government of India has passed the Environmental Protection Act?
- 8) Which is the most dangerous metal pollutant of automobile exhaust?
- 9) Name the diseases caused by eating fish contaminated by industrial waste containing mercury?
- 10) What would be the average temperature on the earth's surface if there is no greenhouse effect?
- 11) In which region amphibians and reptiles do not occur?
- 12) Which is the largest grassland in the world?
- 13) Red list contains data or information about which species?
- 14) Which state is known as Power House of India?
- 15) Which is the first National Park of India?

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Dear All,

We are presenting you the third set of questions for the Green Genius Quiz Contest jointly organised by the Diocese of Chanda and the Department of Evangelization & Pastoral Ministry. **The participants of the first & second set only can take part in the third set. The winners will be informed through mail. The answers of the III set should be sent on or before 2nd November, 2021 in the email Id [:cmichandapastoral@gmail.com](mailto:cmichandapastoral@gmail.com).**

If you have any queries please contact:

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ANSWER KEY SET II (MCQ)

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| 1) b | 2) a | 3) a | 4) b | 5) d |
| 6) b | 7) a | 8) b | 9) c | 10) c |

ANSWER IN ONE WORD

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1) K.M. Munshi | 9) Above 80 dB |
| 2) Time for nature | 10) Lichens |
| 3) Canada | 11) Sundarban |
| 4) Brazil | 12) Eastern |
| 5) 50 or below | 13) Alluvial Soil |
| 6) Harold Des Veaux | 14) Brazil |
| 7) Barometer | 15) Recycling |
| 8) Acid rain | |

SET III**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**

- 1) **On which day is World Earth Day celebrated.**
 - a) 22 April
 - b) 21 December
 - c) 12 August
 - d) 31 October

- 2) **India has only 2.4% of the World's land area but its share of the global species diversity is**
 - a) 1.8%
 - b) 3.1%
 - c) 5.1%
 - d) 8.1%

- 3) **The material generally used for sound proofing of rooms like a recording studio and auditorium, etc. is**
 - a) Cotton
 - b) Coir
 - c) Wood
 - d) Styrofoam

- 4) **Any adulterated element leak into the ground or its filtrate carried into the ground water reservoir is known as**
 - a) Land contamination
 - b) Noise pollution
 - c) Water pollution
 - d) Air pollution

- 5) **The loudness of a sound that a person can withstand without discomfort is about**
 - a) 150db
 - b) 215db
 - c) 30db
 - d) 80db

- 6) **Which one of the following diseases is not due to contamination of water?**
 - a) Hepatitis-B
 - b) Jaundice
 - c) Cholera
 - d) Typhoid

- 7) **Non-biodegradable pollutants are created by**
 - a) Nature
 - b) Excessive use of resources
 - c) Humans
 - d) Natural disasters.

- 8) **Montreal Protocol is associated with**
 - a) control of emission of ozone depleting substances
 - b) control of radioactive wastes
 - c) control of desertification
 - d) protection and management of forests

- 9) **High concentration of greenhouse gases has resulted in maximum rise of atmospheric temperature in**
 - a) tropic region
 - b) middle latitude
 - c) polar region
 - d) temperate region

- 10) **In India, Air (Prevention and control of pollution) Act came into force in the year 1981, but was amended in the year _____ to include _____ as an air pollutant.**
 - a) 1990, noise
 - b) 1984, particulate matter
 - c) 1987, PAN
 - d) 1987, noise

DIOCESE OF CHANDA

WHEN. Preparing a Budget (General Guidelines)

1. Read through previous years' presented budget carefully
2. Collect all accounts of income and expenditure as per respective heads in the budget format.
3. Make sure all bills, vouchers, receipts are ready/available with date, serial number etc. (there should be pakka bills for all items).
4. Update bank pass book and check cash balance (make cash balance around Rs.1000/- or less).
5. Ascertain that when all payments (salary, shopping, maintenances, nursery, school, dispensary, loan repayments, donations etc.) are done and receipts are received.
6. Renew FD receipts as required.
7. Enter all diocesan/church collections to the journal.
8. Make sure no cheque payment is in pending (ref. - cheque issued and not yet credited). See that all cheques are cleared/debited from our account in the bank (issue cheques accordingly at least 2 weeks in advance).
9. Implementation of projects and it should be made up to date as per the budget stipulations.
10. Discuss in the core-team with regard to the needs of the station to propose new projects for the budget year and also long term needs. If possible state reasons for the new projects.
11. Check whether all worship expenses are properly entered into the journal.
12. Calculate farm products of the station (vegetables, dairy income, field yieldings, livestock etc.) and enter into the

accounts. Enter them in the income and expenditure columns.

13. Add all receipts of sale of old things from campus (scrap selling).
14. Check all medical bills are paid and entered into account.
15. Normally the budget is presented with actual of 9 months and budget of 12 months.
16. Make sure all payments of electricity, taxes & rates, water connection, news paper, telephone etc. is done before budget preparation starts.
17. Any pending bills (uniform, *kirana* etc.) either should be paid or transfer to the next year and ask for new dated bill for the forthcoming year.
18. Check that previous year's budget is followed as per the direction from the Diocesan Finance Office/Curia.
19. As soon as PPT Meeting date is announced start preparation of the budget in consultation with the Finance department.
20. Budget preparation should be started by 1 December every year as PPT meeting falls in January.
21. Make sure that PF, TDS (Tax Deduction at Source) are paid for the year before budget is prepared.
22. Vehicle insurance, land, building tax are paid on time and entered into journal. (Personnel vehicle, if any, cannot be paid for such items from the common fund and vice versa)
23. Make sure that tri-monthly account is submitted regularly and up to December is done by all means before budget is prepared each year.
24. 10% of Sunday collection to be given to Bishop's Charity Fund from all stations that are declared parishes. Naturally it should be accounted separately in the daily journal.

Bp. Ephrem Nariculam

REV. FR. LAWRENCE BURLE:**A Simple and a Cheerful Soul.**

Fr. Lawrence was born on 7 August 1976 to Mr. Ankulu Muttyalu Burle and Mrs. Ammubai Ankulu Burle as their sixth son. He has eight siblings. Originally the family belongs to Chellawada village in Reppanpilly parish in Gadchroli district. Few years ago his father had to face a challenging death and so the family had shifted to Ashti. Fr. Lawrence grew up in Nagappalli/Allapalli boarding while doing lower primary school and his high school was at Chamorshi. He joined the minor seminary of the diocese in the year 1992.

After having done philosophy at Papal seminary, Pune and theology at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, he was ordained to holy priesthood on 17 April 2007 along with Fr. Ajay Xalxo at church premises of Prabhu Sadan Parish Tarsa/Ashti. He served at Ettappilly, Pattaguda, Wani, Lakadakot, Kalmana, Mul and *ad gentes*' mission at Nagbhir. His regency was at Brahmmapuri parish.

He was a person simple in heart and cheerful in face. Even in difficult situations he was courageous enough to put up a cheerful face. Like a child he forgets the wrong doings of others so fast that he reconciled with them in spur of the moment. Wherever he served he was rendering his best with utmost sincerity. He was very zealous in preaching and fabulous in his healing prayer services. He manages his life with minimum and enjoys lacking in facilities with complacency. He landed in Nagbhir mission for his love for *ad gentes* mission. Indeed he could initiate a great deal of mission work in Nagbhir but obstructed its forward march due to covid-19 Pandemic.

The sad demise of Fr. Lawrence Burle was untimely and quite unexpected. Two months ago when the pandemic Covid-19 started its second wave he was permitted to shift his residence to Brahmmapuri or

Balapur. Probably out of love for '*ad gentes*' mission he preferred to continue there. After couple of weeks he himself requested the bishop for a transfer due to the wide spread of Covid-19. Many neighbors got affected by the virus and the family of rented house stopped supplying food to him. So with due permission he shifted his residence to Bishop's Home, BPQ and the Nagbhir mission was once again entrusted with Brahmmapuri parish. He moved around in BPQ for three days and on Wednesday 28th April he felt feverish and visited Ashadham Hospital Wirur, where the doctor sister referred him to Christ Hospital, Chandrapur. He was admitted at Christ Hospital and started treatment for Covid as he was tested positive. The doctors were of opinion that he was late to seek treatment so much so his lungs had already started dysfunctioning. He was served with ventilator from 6 May onwards. Due to discomfort and irritation he could not respond positively to the ventilator oxygenation. Many fathers and even bishop visited him and exhorted him to bear with the discomfort of the ventilator, but probably it was too unbearable to him that he persistently tried to remove it unknowingly. On 9 May bishop met with the doctors and evaluated his health condition and directed the hospital administrator to do the best to save his life. As doctors could not observe adequate improvement they decided to switch over to intubation on 11 May. Later on 13th morning the doctors served tracheostomy for oxygen supply but they could not make any further improvement in his health condition. They were but only normal surgical interventions when ventilator system fails to serve better desired results. As a whole his health condition was very critical and as usual his family members also were called to be with him, in the last few days of his stay in the hospital. Though hospital administration suggested doctors to shift him to Nagpur, they opined that he is not in a condition to be shifted in ambulance to such a long distance. There was also a risk factor as Nagpur hospitals were over saturated with Covid-19 patients. Meanwhile Fr. Joshy Chettianchira, the hospital administrator in regular intervals informed bishop about his health condition. The bishop once again directed the hospital administration to all what is needful to save his life. On 14 May afternoon his blood pressure started slowing down and gradually he slipped into sinking stage. In such health condition the inevitable happened at 8.00 PM - on Friday 14th May 2021 he breathed his last. God called him for his eternal rest. May his soul

Rest in Peace. His funeral was held on Saturday 15 May at Cathedral cemetery Balharshah. May he intercede for us all and for Chanda mission. Fr. Lawrence, we pray for you.

Fr. Dinesh Mate, PRO
Diocese of Chanda



TRIBUTE TO FR. STAN SWAMY SJ

“Faith in action is love, and love in action is service”
– *Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

Fr. Stan was not a simple priest but an epitome of priesthood. He lived his priesthood fully for what it is meant to be! During his life on earth, he loved and embraced the poor, especially the Adivasis, Dalits and marginalized communities. He offered his priestly ministry for their cause. He walked with them and learnt valuable lessons from their communitarian life filled with compassion, solidarity, sharing and a sense of justice were the foundational ethics of Fr. Stan's life and mission. He knew that justice cannot be realized without paying a price. Following his master Jesus, he was ready to carry the cross.



Fr. Stan was strongly rooted in love and compassion like his master Jesus. On the one hand he expressed his prophetic anger on system and structures that enslave humans and were hesitated to question these, but on the other hand, he was gentle, polite and respectful.

He was not for show, but worked genuinely for the cause he stood for. Rooted in social analysis, Fr. Stan was able to analyze the root causes of social problems and believed it is the poor and leaders from the marginalized communities, who are rooted in an ethical value system, as opposed to capitalist and consumerist values can be ambassadors of sustainable change. He used the same measuring yard, while challenging the state or the Church. He always raised 'uncomfortable' questions. While the state did not approve of his writings and implicated him in various cases, Fr. Stan always demonstrated that he was a law-abiding citizen.

He was highly sensitive to the needs of the poor, and he could easily empathize with them. Imbibing the Gandhian principle of ahimsa, he could never imagine inflicting pain on others. It was unfortunate that the State completely

misunderstood his value system and branded him as the enemy of the State. However he was neither afraid of anyone nor of the State and said: “Truth must be spoken, right to dissent must be upheld and justice must reach the doorsteps of the poor”.

By his life and mission, Stan has given a clarion call to everyone of us not to be silent spectators in a broken world. Truth and justice are inseparable, and love must be the foundation of all our activities is the message Fr. Stan leave to us. May his soul Rest In Peace. May he be an inspiring model for us missionaries.

Reporter Chanda Samachar



SUSAMACHAR GHOSHANA VARSH

DAILY BIBLE READING FOR THE YEAR 2021

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1.Psalm 64	1. Psalm 94	1.Psalm 125	1.Prov. 5
2.Psalm 65	2. Psalm 95	2.Psalm 126	2.Prov. 6
3.Psalm 66	3. Psalm 96	3.Psalm 127	3.Prov. 7
4.Psalm 67	4. Psalm 97	4.Psalm 128	4.Prov. 8
5.Psalm 68	5. Psalm 98	5.Psalm 129	5.Prov.9
6.Psalm 69	6. Psalm 99	6.Psalm 130	6.Prov.10
7.Psalm 70	7. Psalm 100	7.Psalm 131	7.Prov.11
8.Psalm 71	8. Psalm 101	8.Psalm 132	8.Prov.12
9.Psalm 72	9. Psalm 102	9.Psalm 133	9.Prov.13
10.Psalm 73	10. Psalm 103	10.Psalm134	10.Prov.14
11.Psalm 74	11. Psalm 104	11.Psalm 135	11.Prov.15
12.Psalm 75	12. Psalm 105	12.Psalm 136	12.Prov.16
13.Psalm 76	13. Psalm 106	13.Psalm 137	13.Prov.17
14.Psalm 77	14. Psalm 107	14.Psalm 138	14.Prov.18
15.Psalm 78	15. Psalm 108	15.Psalm 139	15.Prov.19
16.Psalm 79	16. Psalm 109	16.Psalm 140	16.Prov.20
17.Psalm 80	17. Psalm 110	17.Psalm 141	17.Prov.21
18.Psalm 81	18. Psalm 111	18.Psalm142	18.Prov.22
19.Psalm 82	19. Psalm 112	19.Psalm 143	19.Prov.23
20.Psalm 83	20. Psalm 113	20.Psalm 144	20.Prov.24
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23.Psalm 86	23. Psalm 116	23.Psalm 147	23.Prov.27
24.Psalm 87	24. Psalm 117	24.Psalm 148	24.Prov.28
25.Psalm 88	25. Psalm 118	25.Psalm 149	25.Prov.29
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27.Psalm 90	27. Psalm 120	PROVERBS	27.Prov.31
28.Psalm 91	28. Psalm 121	27.Prov. 1	Ecclesiastes
29.Psalm 92	29. Psalm 122	28.Prov. 2	28.Eccle. 1
30.Psalm 93	30. Psalm 123	29.Prov. 3	29. Eccle. 2
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DIAMOND JUBILEE OF CHANDA DIOCESE 2022**– The year of the Sacred Heart of Jesus –**

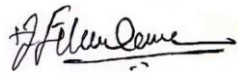
Dear Missionaries and my dear People,

Thy Kingdom Come!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we celebrate the diamond jubilee of our diocese let us raise our hearts in praise and thanks giving and offer adoration to God Almighty for 60 years of blessings showed upon our mission. We shall recite everyday the chaplet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and offer the diocese to Holy Heart of Jesus. Please recite the chaplet daily along with our family prayer from 1st January to 31st December 2022. May God Almighty bless everyone of us and our diocese

Yours devotedly in Christ Jesus,



† Ephrem Nariculam,

Bishop, Diocese of Chanda

**THE CHAPLET OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

(L: Leader / A: All)

L: "Soul of Christ,	A: Sanctify me!
L: Body of Christ,	A: Save me!
L: Blood of Christ,	A: Inebriate me!
L: Water from the side of Christ,	A: Wash me!
L: Passion of Christ,	A: Strengthen me!
L: O good Jesus	A: Hear me!
L: Within your wounds	A: Hide me;
L: Permit me not	A: To be separated from You;

L: From the malignant enemy, A: Defend me;

L: In the hour of death, A: Call me and bid me come over to You,

L: That with Your saints A: I may praise You forever and ever, Amen."

(The following said in five decades) On the large beads say:

L: "O Sweetest Heart of Jesus,

A: I implore that, I may ever love You more and more."

On the small beads say:

L: "Sweet Heart of Jesus, A: be my love." (10 times)

Upon completing the Chaplet,

L: "Sweet Heart of Mary, A: be my salvation."

Upon completing the five decades:

L: Bless us, O most sweet heart of Jesus

A: Inspire us and guide us to be ever faithful to your promises.

Let us pray,

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be blessed, adored and praised, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time, Amen.

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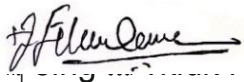
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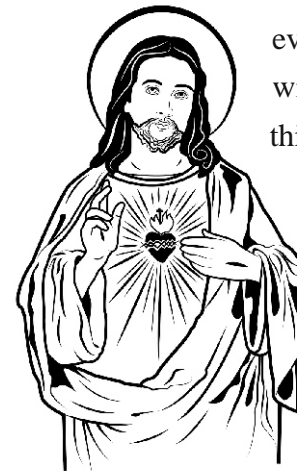
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Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

VI. NEWS FROM THE MISSION STATIONS

ST. THOMAS CATHEDRAL, BALLARPUR

- Bp. Ephrem Nariculam offered Holy Qurbana at St. Thomas Cathedral, Ballarpur in connection with *Dukhrana* feast on 3rd July 2021.
- New priests Fr. Shine Manjaly and Fr. Benson Puthenpurackal celebrated Holy Qurban at Cathedral on 4th and 11th July 2021 respectively.
- On 16th July 2021 through LSSS, food kits were distributed to parishioners of St. Thomas Cathedral Ballarpur. Bp. Ephrem Nariculam and Fr. Robinson distributed the food kits.
- A special Prayer service was held at Cathedral, Ballarpur as tribute to Fr. Stan Sway SJ on Wednesday 28 July 2021. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and cooperation.
- Fr. Robinson celebrated Holy Qurbana at Cathedral in connection with the feast of Assumption.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BALAPUR

Various online competitions were conducted for Parishes by CLC department of Chanda diocese. The competitions were solo song, solo dance, Bible parable, speech etc. Members of St Mary's Church Balapur participated each items and showcased their talents. The winners are:

- Solo song competition first prize : Subhash surpam
- Solo dance second prize : Vidisha Mishram
- Speech competition first prize : Mansi bhoyar
- Second prize : Mrinal Ramtkar.
- Bible parable third prize : Angel jeevan Matte.

Congratulations to the winners.

CARMELODAYA PROVINCE, WARDHA

- Our Sr. Sneha professed her vows perpetually, at Aluva, Generalate on 07 April 2021.
- All the sisters of our Province attended 4 days of workshop regarding the Soft Life Skills and Leader Ship by Mr. Siju Thomas from 11 June to 14 June 2021. It was really enriching and motivating.
- Sisters from our community attended a webinar on "Covid-19, A new door for Evangelization" by Bishop Prince Antony at 2.45 to 4.00p.m on 13 June 2021.
- In preparation for the 10th Ordinary General Synaxis 2021 two days orientation classes were conducted online on 19-20 June 2021. Mother Provincial began the class with her introductory talk. Sr. Philo, Sr. Mercilin and Sr. Annmary were the resource persons to take the classes.
- During this pandemic Mount Carmel day was celebrated online on 18 July 2021. Sisters prepared different programmes based on Mother Mary. Provincial Superior Mother Lilly Grace gave the Message of the day to her children.
- Due to Covid-19 All the Sisters of our Province attended the online annual retreat for 6 days
- Our Sr. Anjaleen Mary and Sr. Lincy joined for the Philosophy course at Darsana, Wardha.

CHRIST HOSPITAL, CHANDRAPUR

- Diocese of Chanda donated an ambulance to Christ Hospital, Chandrapur for Covid-care relief mission in three districts - Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Wardha - of Maharashtra. The ambulance was blessed and handed over to the director of Christ Hospital, Fr. Joshy Chettianchira, at a simple function held in the Hospital campus in the evening on Sunday 6th June 2021.

CMI MAR THOMA PROVINCE, CHANDA**Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry**

- **Defeat Corona... series of Webinars**

In order to meet the challenges forwarded by the pandemic Covid 19, the department has conducted series of webinars by experts in the fields on various topics.

- **Webinar Series**

The department decided to organize a series of webinars on the relevant topics useful to different target groups.

- **Webinar No.1**

The department has organised its first Webinar on 30th May 2021 on the topic 'Living and believing in Covid 19 & the new normal age'. The Webinar was open for everyone. Rev. Fr. Benny Nalkara CMI, Provincial, Sacred Heart Province, Kochi was the resource person. More than 500 people participated in the webinar. He dealt with the new changes happening in our society due to covid 19. It was well appreciated by the participants and all were given E participation certificates after obtaining the the feed back forms.

- **Webinar No. 2**

ATheological Updating

The department conducted its second Webinar on 13th June 2021 for priests and religious on the topic 'Covid 19: A new door for Evangelization'. Mar Prince Antony Panengaden, Bishop of Adilabad Diocese was the resource person. The resource person poured light on how to convert covid period and post covid period. More than 800 priests and religious from 15 congregations and their various provinces and a few dioceses participated in the webinar.

- **Webinar No.3**

The Department organized its third webinar on the series of webinars on 20th June 2021. The resource person was Mr.Jini K Gopinath, a well known Psychologist, renowned hypnotherapist and performance coach of IPL teams. The topic of the webinar was 'Mental wellness during and after Covid 19'. It was well attended by around 900 participants and all the participants were given E certificates after obtaining the feedback forms. As the webinar dealt with more practical sides of the pandemic with demo, all the participants appreciated it and some of them even requested the department to conduct a few more webinars in the similar fashion.

- **Green Genius Quiz Competition**

We have successfully completed the two phases of Green Genius Contest, jointly organized by Chanda Diocese and Department of Evangelization and Pastoral Ministry, CMI Mar Thoma Province, Chanda. There were a lot of participants for the first two phases. The third and last phase of questions for the same is published in the latest edition of Chanda Samachar and we expect your whole hearted cooperation.

- **Online Evangelization**

The department is continuing with online media evangelization through Music Ministry and other online competitions. The department has released a Hindi song on Blessed Virgin Mary based on gospel narration and a communion song as well. All the songs of the department are available on the YouTube Channel CVision.

- **Messages for Important Feasts**

- **Dukhrana Feast**

The department commemorated the Great Apostle of Christ St. Thomas by telecasting a fitting reflection on Dukhrana Feast. Rev. Fr. Meljo Parapuram CMI, the Rector of CMI Aspirant's house, Bamni gave the message on the occasion. The department thanks Rev. Fr. Meljo for the message.

- **The Feast of Mother of Carmel**

The department has celebrated the Feast of Mother of Carmel telecasting a relevant message of the day. Rev. Fr. Johny Edapulavan CMI, the former Provincial of Mar Thoma Province, Chanda and the former general auditor of CMI Congregation delivered the message. The department thanks Rev. Fr. Johny for the same.

- **A Song on St. Montfort**

The department has produced a song on St. Montfort, the founder of Montfort Congregation at the request of Montfort School, Nagpur both in Hindi and Malayalam. I thank Montfort Community at Nagpur for the creative initiative.

DARSANA INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

- **Our COVID Initiative: Feeding the Hungry**

“I was Hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty you gave me to drink, I was stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me” (Mt. 25: 35-36).

Darsana Samaj Kalayan Samiti (DSKS) devised a plan to provide food kits to the needy, inspired by the words of Christ. On Sunday, May 23, 2021, on the feast of Pentecost, the plan was carried out by giving meal kits to all the families of a village named Gitti Khadan, where the labourers, the majority

of whom are from Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, work in private entrepreneurs' metal quarries. Some brothers, together with Fr. Blessen, went to the village and gave fifty food packages to the fifty families who lived there. It was a joyful and happy time for the families because they were unable to go to work and feed their families due to the lock down. It felt like a huge comfort to them. Not only that, but we assisted and supported those who came to Darsana. As well as some families of students and teachers of Sant Chavara School, badly affected by the pandemic.

- **Participating In The Lord's Passion**

With tremendous zeal and interest, we commemorated Passion Week. Despite the constraints imposed by the lockdown, we were granted permission to conduct prayers and rituals. It was a wonderful time of blessing as we prepared our parishioners for Holy Week. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parishioners were unable to come to Darsana for several months. So brothers took it upon themselves to visit their homes and prepare them for Holy Week. As a result, all of them enthusiastically participated in the Passion of our Lord.

The Holy Eucharist was celebrated in the area adjacent the academic portion at 6.30 p.m. on Easter Sunday. The holy water and holy fire were blessed. Good Saturdays and Easter Liturgy were merged. The brothers near the academic area did an excellent job portraying the Resurrection.

- **Nurturer Nature**

“We never lose, we only gain from life, and nature is the mother of such beautiful memories.” These are the words of a well-known poet who admired the natural world. On the 5th of June, Darsana media hosted an Environmental Day event to raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation by planting tree saplings across the campus. We

held an online discussion on the theme of 'Green CMI' with Fr. Prasand Johnson Palackapilly CMI from Kochi Province as the resource person.

- **Dawn of a New Academic Year**

- There are two methods to disseminate light: by being a burning candle or by being a light-reflecting mirror. Light represents the triumph of light over darkness and the overcoming of ignorance. This light may be obtained by serious contemplation and study. With these words in mind, Rev Sr. Gracelet SD Provincial Superior of SD Krupadham Province inaugurated the Academic Year 2021-22 on July 5, 2021. Fr. Vincent Pangola, Vicar of Wardha Parish, opened the event by celebrating the Holy Eucharist in the Syro Malabar English rite. The Holy Qurbana and Inaugural Programme were attended by all first- and second-year philosophy students, as well as Atmadarsan candidates. Students' cultural performances added colour to the day. Darsana campus is brimming with life with 130 students on the roll, for a first, two sisters from the CMC congregations are studying philosophy in Darsana.

- **Vaccine and immunization**

- The COVID-19 outbreak in Maharashtra was at its apex. There was not a single bed remaining at the local hospitals. God shielded us from harm at this critical juncture as well. God directed us and kept our community safe from all conceivable risks during this difficult period, when everyone was in agony and sadness. It was at this point the civil authorities and health department shifted its top gear and vaccinated all of us. The efficiency and far sightedness of Maharashtra government should be admired, Within two days, the whole community had been vaccinated. It was a hard task, but everything was meticulously done.

- **Sant Chavara School News**

- There were some significant changes seen in Sant Chavara School last year. First the school had new principal and administrator namely Fr. Wilson Vettumanickal and Fr. Jino Valiyaparambil. As last year there were no classes offline because of the pandemic, there were several changes seen in the school. Last year school got its CBSE affiliation till 8th standard. Then there were several other constructions works going in the school like the building of a basketball court, football field and some interior works in the classes and the computer lab. Now as the situation has come to normalcy the classes has resumed again from 8th standard.

- **The juniors arrive**

COVID-19, one of the most significant outbursts, is having a profound impact on the development of all people. It has also had a variety of effects on the formation and study of brothers and scholastics. Despite these challenges, thirty-one first-year brothers arrived safely at Darsana Institute of Philosophy Wardha on June 28, 2021, after completing their novitiate. The travel to Wardha was joined by Fr. Joshy Cheruparambil. They took a four-week intensive Hindi and English course at Vazhoor's Anugraha Renewal Center.

ST. ALPHONSA CHURCH, KALMANA

Days of spreading joy:

- We reached out to 150 families at Kalmana village by distributing food kits through LSSS under the leadership of Fr Robert and the helping hands of Kalmana Sisters on 18/7/21 and 8/8/21.
- Renovated presbytery was blessed by our Bishop on 4/8/21 at Kalmana. Many priests from the diocese attended the blessing ceremony.

SISTERS OF THE DESTITUTE KRUPADHAM PROVINCE, WARDHA

• **Grandparents Day**

As per the exhortation of His Holiness Pope Francis World day of the Grandparents and Elderly was celebrated in SD Wardha. Grandparents were gathered on virtual platform from 2.30 to 4pm on 25th July 2021. Around 370 Grandparents who belong to the family members of the Sisters of SD Krupadham Province were honoured on this occasion. Sr. Gracelet SD Provincial Superior welcomed them. On behalf of all sisters Sr. Clare Tom & Sr. Jasmine Jose felicitated and greeted them.

Rev. Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI, VG Chanda Diocese felicitated and urged them to cherish the fond memories of their self - giving, how to lead a peaceful and joyful life and of aging gracefully. His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Elavanal Bishop of Kalyan Diocese honoured them with lot of appreciation. His Excellency reminded them their responsibility of transmission of Faith to the grandchildren. Also urged them to hand over the heritage, traditions and values to their children in the family context. Sr. Silvy Maria proposed vote of thanks to Rev.Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI and Bishop Mar.Thomas Elavanal. Mr.Alex (Sunny) Karikott thanked for organizing this get together and honoring them. The programme concluded with a thanksgiving hymn.

• **Gathering of Domestic Staff**

Domestic Staff from Convents of SD Krupadham Province were gathered on August 8th 2021 in virtual platform. It was held in connection with the 145th Birthday of our Founder Venerable Fr. Varghese Payapilly. Sr. Anuroopa SD M.Sc. B.Ed was the resource person. She motivated them through her inspirational talk. She gave awareness on the dignity of labour and its sacredness with reference to St. Joseph the Worker. There was entertaining programme to add beauty and joy on

this occasion. Sr. Anet Maria thanked them for their active participation.

SISTERS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND MARY THE QUEEN, WARDHA

- 31st May was indeed a day of jubilation as 2 of our novices Anjali & Abhilipsa and 5 junior sisters Shanthammal, Roshita, Hemlata, Banita & Nutan made their first and final commitment. Fr. Joseph Ammayikunnel CMF was the celebrant of the day. We thank our formators who prepared them to offer their lives completely to the Lord and best wishes to the newly professed and final professed sisters.
- I will sing forever of your love, O Lord. Joining with the psalmist the Indian Province thanked God for the 50 years of our existence in Indian soil. The day was filled with a feeling of gratitude and joy for the providence and grace we received from the Lord for the past golden years of our congregation. A thanksgiving Holy Eucharist was celebrated on 24th June, on the Birthday of our patron St. John the Baptist. The joy of the day doubled as we thanked God for the silver stars of the day Srs. Soumi, Aishwarya, Pooja & Manisha. Fr. Varghese Puthuparambil CMI, Proto syncellus of Chanda Diocese was the main celebrant of the day and the prayerful presence of other celebrants added more joy to the day.

The Eucharist commenced with an entrance procession, silver jubilarians carrying the lighted candles in the form of a torch representing our call to be torch bearers. Following the covid-19 protocol sisters from our communities joined to thank God for the gift of the golden years of the province and the silver stars of the day. In his homily Fr. Varghese thanked our pioneer sisters for their daring step to start the mission in the virgin land of Chanda diocese. He recalled his experience

with Rev. Sr. Lutgardis and the memories of the old provincial house. He was grateful to God for the presence of all our pioneer sisters to mark the celebration of the day.

The felicitation followed by Holy Eucharistic celebration gave a boost to the celebrations. Sr. Sunanda, Vice Provincial welcomed the gathering. Sr. Rose was felicitated on the occasion with a memento and shawl and the gracious presence of our first two batch sisters were acknowledged. The silver jubilarians of the day were felicitated by the provincial team. The release of the books Written by Srs. Seema - Mozambique Anubhavangal and Suma - 150 Thoughts and Inspirations of Fr John Mary Haw & A mansion of Memories on Sr. Lutgardis were the highlights of the day. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the province, a documentary on the 50 years of our existence in India was presented, with the title, 'In the footprints of Agrabami: a glimpse at the 50 years of grace and Providence.' The celebration of the day came to an end with the vote of thanks by Sr. Aishwarya.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

-Robert Frost

Celebrating 50 years of God's grace and providence is an occasion to set our vision on heights to attain greater glory.

- We continue to help the poorest of the poor in Wardha district in collaboration with Sneha Charitable Trust, Bangalore by providing nutrient kits, medical, financial and educational aid.

NEWS FROM THE FORMATION HOUSES

SANT VIANNEY GURUKUL, NEW DAHELI

1. Major seminarians' gathering and Marathi Language course were conducted in SVG from 20th April to 10th May. Fr. Jose and Fr. Peter were the resource persons for Marathi class.
2. Rev. Fr. Lawrace celebrated mass and said homily on 1st May during major seminarians' gathering
3. Vestition and minor orders were conferred to major seminarians by Bp. Ephrem Nariculam on 6th May at SVG Chapel
4. We celebrated St. Thomas day solemnly on 3rd July.
5. Presbyteriam and monthly recollection for diocesan priests were arranged in SVG on 3rd August
6. We celebrated Vianney day on 4th August. Bishop ji and many other diocesan priests were present for the gathering. We had solemn holy Qurbana celebrated by Bp. Ephrem. Our newly ordained priests Fr. Benson and Fr. Shine concelebrated.
7. Bp. Ephrem inaugurated our new academic year 2021-22 on 11th August.
8. We celebrated the feast of the assumption of Mother Mary and Independence day on 15th August.
9. First year brothers arrived SVG on 25th July. This year SVG has four brothers from Kerala and two from Chanda.

Quotes

“Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

- Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*

DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

Sl. No	Name	Year	Name of the seminary/Parish
1	Dn. Priju Puthenpurackal	Theo IV	Jarawandi
2	Dn. Tiji Karakunnel	Theo IV	Holy Trinity Regional Seminary, Jalandar
3	Dn. Joby Illimoottil	Theo IV	St. Joseph Pontifical seminary, Mangalapuzha
4	Dn. Josekutty Thatampilly	Theo IV	St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur
5	Bro. Vishal Jangam	Theo III	Oriens Theological College, Shillong
6	Bro. Alwin Vattamkattil	Theo III	St. Thomas Apostolic seminary, Vadavathoor
7	Bro. Naveen Kallaparambil	Theo III	Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain
8	Bro. Linto Vallathukaran	Theo III	Papal Seminary, Pune
9	Bro. Deepak Tirkey	Theo III	St. Ephrem Theological College, Satna
10	Bro. Joseph Jumde	Theo II	Papal Seminary, Pune
11	Bro. Ajay Puthukattuchira	Theo II	St. Joseph Regional seminary, Mangalore
12	Bro. James Ekka	Theo II	St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur
13	Bro. Jibin Perumakunnel	Theo II	St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha
14	Bro. Christo Kavil	Theo I	Good Shepherd Seminary, Kunnoth
15	Bro. Algin Pallivathukal	Theo I	Mater Ecclesia, Rome
16	Bro. Romario Edasseriparmbil	Theo I	Morning Star Seminary, Kolkatta
17	Bro. Abhilash Kurungattu	Regency	Bishop's Home, Ballarpur
18	Bro. Nikhil Mundunadackal	Regency	Sant Vianney Gurukul, New Daheli
19	Bro. Jils Aattuchalil	Phil II	Dharmaram, Bangalore
20	Bro. Freddin Kattookaran	Phil II	Kristhu Premalaya Regional Seminary, Bhopal

21	Bro. Jefin Pindikkanayil	Phil I	Ruhalaya Major Seminary, Ujjain	
22	Bro. Jins Kollorkuzhy	Phil I	St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur	
23	Bro. Arun Panna	Degree	Christ University, Bangalore	
24	Bro. Johny Jose	Degree	Brahmapuri	
25	Bro. Tesson Thomas	Degree	Brahmapuri	
	Minor seminarians		Parish	Diocese
27	Bro. Jerald Mathew	IV	Keerampara parish	Kothamangalam
28	Bro. Anto Joy	IV	Villonni	Changanaserry
29	Bro. John Reji	IV	Arogyapuram	Palakkad
30	Bro. Shanu Joshi	III	Edamattom	Palai
31	Bro. Niyal	III	Jarawandi	Chanda
32	Bro. Jobin Reguntawar	I	Wirur	Chanda
33	Bro. Manish Kullu	I	Jarawandi	Chanda
34	Bro. Jiljith Joseph	I	Marika	Kothamangalam
35	Bro. Ajith K S	I	Vakery	Manathavadi

CHANDA SAMACHAR

Considering different aspects it is decided that there shall be only three issues a year of our Eparchial Bulletin *Chanda Samachar* until further announcements. Accordingly it will be published as follows January-April Issues I&II, May-August Issues III&IV and September- December Issues V&VI. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation. Please continue your support.

Fr. Vigil Parassery
Editor

IX. HEAVENLY BRETHERN**SEPTEMBER**

1. Sr. Hilaria Kochuparambil SD	01-09-2014	
2. Sr. Deepthi SJB	09-09-2009	Vettukad
3. Bro. Jose Vetticattil SG	18-09-2005	Hyderabad
4. Fr. Dan Thottakara CMI	20-09-1997	Kalamassery
5. Fr. Eugene Thopmas Kizhakethala CMI	22-09-2002	Bellampally
6. Sr. Mercy SSS	23-09-2006	Mallussery
7. Sr. Justina Francis ASMI	26-09-2000	Cherthala
8. Sr. Stephy Maria DM	30-09-1994	Ballarpur
9. Fr. Suresh V.C.	30-09-2012	Janampet

OCTOBER

1. Fr. Thomas Manickam CMI	24-10-2010	Kurianad
2. Sr. Catherine Francis ASMI	11-10-1988	Cherthala

NOVEMBER

1. Fr. Felician Vadakumcherry CMI	09-11-1998	Bellampally
2. Sr. Borgia ASMI	11-11-1989	Allapally
3. Fr. Jose Parayaruthottam CMI	20-11-1988	Ballarpur
4. Fr. Mathew Poovakulam CMI	23-11-1978	Ballarpur
5. Sr. (Dr.) Gabriel ASMI	26-11-2013	Rampur
6. Br. Chacko Urumbil CMI	28-11-2013	Koodathai
7. Sr. Serine CHF	11-11-2014	Palakkad
8. Sr. Emil Mary Valummel SD	12-11-2018	Wardha

DECEMBER

1. Fr. George Joseph Vettukallapuram CMI	01-12-2008	Bellampally
2. Sr. Bonitus CMC	02-12-2000	Wardha
3. Sr. Neena Varghese CHF	04-12-2005	Palakkad
4. Fr. Chrisostom Thomas	06-12-2015	Pala
5. Sr. Rose Mary ASMI	10-12-1989	Cherthala
6. Fr. Jomy Chakkalatharayil	16-12-2018	Chembalam
7. Sr. Lysa Rose FCC	17-12-2003	Kadukutty
8. Bro. Thomas Chakkunnumpuram CMI	25-12-1973	Ballarpur
9. Bro. Chacko Pinakkatt CMI	29-12-1977	Ballarpur

OBITUARY

08 May 2021	Mr. Dewakar Gedam, beloved brother of Sr. Anisha SJB
28 May 2021	Mr. Stephan, Beloved father of Sr Dephina SHSp
02 June 2021	Mr. Joseph Mangan (78) beloved brother-in-law of Fr. Sebastian Thattil CMI
28 June 2021	Mrs. Ammini Parekkadan (82), Beloved mother of Sr. Ancy CMC
12 July 2021	Mrs. Annamma Mathai, beloved mother of Fr. Saju Chamakalayil
20 July 2021	Fr. Antony Nirappel beloved uncle of Fr. Mathew Nirappel and Sr. Anurupa DM
28 July 2021	Mr. Antony Valumannel (59) beloved father of Sr. Tesmin SH
30 July 2021	Sr. Annie Maria CHF, former provincial of holy family congregation Palakkad province
06 August 2021	Sr. Mariany SD (86), pioneering missionary to Wirur parish
11 August 2021	Mr. Joseph Antony (84) beloved father of Sr. Merina DM
12 August 2021	Mrs. Mariakutty Varghese, beloved mother of Sr. Ancina FDSHJ
16 August 2021	Mrs. Aliyamma Puthenpurackal (68), beloved mother of Rev. Fr. Sinoj Puthenpurackal CMI
19 August 2021	Mr. Chacko Kalathil (86) the paternal uncle of Fr. Joseph Kalathil
24 August 2021	Mrs. Annamma Joseph (95) maternal grandmother of Dn. Priju Puthenpurackal
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SUNDAY FOR THE OLD AND THE AGED

October 1 is the international day for Elderly People. We have decided in the diocese that we observe the Sunday after October 1 as the day for the Old and Aged. All are requested to arrange some programmes in the parish/institutions to appreciate the old and the aged on Sunday 3rd October 2021.